

*Proceedings of the Asiatic Society.**(Wednesday Evening, 6th May, 1840.)*

The Honorable Sir E. RYAN President, in the chair.

Read the Proceedings of the last Meeting.

The President read the following letter addressed to him by Dr. O'SHAUGHNESSY, stating that in consequence of the pressure of other business, he was reluctantly obliged to resign the office of Officiating Secretary to the Institution, and at the same time informed the meeting that Mr. SUTHERLAND who undertook to co-operate as Joint-Secretary in the Oriental department during the temporary absence of Mr. J. PRINSEP also wished to be relieved. He therefore wished to be relieved.

TO THE HONORABLE SIR EDWARD RYAN,

*President of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, &c. &c.*

SIR,—I beg you will have the goodness at the next Meeting of the Asiatic Society to submit my respectful request to be relieved from the duties of acting Secretary. My time is so much occupied by engagements which I cannot neglect, that the general business of the Society must fall into confusion if allowed to remain any longer in my charge. Under such circumstances the best proof I can give of my anxiety for the prosperity of the Society, is by retiring from the honorable office they conferred upon me, at a time when there is fortunately no difficulty in finding at the Presidency individuals qualified in every respect to discharge the duties of the appointment.

Any aid I can afford in the Physical Department, and as a *Collaborateur* in the continuance of the Journal, I am most willing to give, so long as the Society may have the least occasion for my humble assistance.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. B. O'SHAUGHNESSY.

CALCUTTA,  
6th May, 1840.

Resolved—That the resignations tendered on behalf of Dr. O'SHAUGHNESSY and Mr. J. C. C. SUTHERLAND, of the situations of Joint-Officiating Secretaries of the Asiatic Society, be accepted; and that the offer of Mr. H. TORRENS to undertake the duties of Officiating Secretary, during the illness and absence of Mr. JAMES PRINSEP, be cordially agreed to.

Resolved—That the thanks of the Society be given to Dr. O'SHAUGHNESSY and Mr. J. C. C. SUTHERLAND for their zealous and able services, and for the assistance they have rendered to the Society in the management of its correspondence, in the conduct of the Journal of the Society, and in the promotion of its scientific and literary objects, during the period of their performance of the duty of Secretaries.

Read the Proceedings of the Committee of Papers, in which is noticed the applications received for the office of Curator. The Committee recommend that Mr. Assistant Surgeon THOMPSON be selected to officiate in the office.

Resolved—That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Mr. J. G. GRANT brought to the notice of the Committee, that he accidentally had been made aware of the existence of printed Catalogues of the Society's Library, and suggested that the Catalogues and Appendices should be circulated amongst the Members as revised and printed. Mr. GRANT's suggestion was adopted.

*Library.*

Read letters from Mr. Secretary BUSHBY, forwarding the following *books on the part of Government*.—

Notes on the Law of Storms, applying to the Tempests of the Indian and Chinese Seas, drawn up for the use of the expedition to China, by H. PIDDINGTON.

Arabian Nights, in Hindustani, vol. 2nd.—*From Government*.

A Manual of the Political Antiquities of Greece, Historically Considered, from the German of CHARLES FREDERICK HERMANN.—*By the Translator*.

Answer to a Sketch of the Arguments for Christianity and against Hinduism, by HURROCHUNDER TURKOPUNCHANUN, Calcutta, Feb. 1840, in Sanscrit.—*By the Author*.

Lardner's Cabinet Cyclopædia. History of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway.—*Purchased in England*.

Cyclopædia of Anatomy and Physiology, by R. B. TODD, 2nd vol.—*Purchased*.

*Literary.*

The following Papers were received from Government, for publication in the Society's Journal.

Report on the Country between Tatter, Sehwan and Korachee in Sindh, by Capt. DE LA HOSTE, Assistant Quarter-Master General.

Memoranda respecting the existence of Copper in the Territory of Lus, near Bela, by ditto ditto.

Some Account of a Journey from Korachee to Hinglaj, in the Lus Territory; descriptive of the intermediate country, and of the port of Soumeanee. By Capt. HART, 2nd Grenadiers (Bombay Army.)

Dr. IRWINE on the Application of Machinery to Indian Agriculture.

Read a letter from Capt. J. JENKINS, Governor General's Agent N. W. Frontier, requesting the loan of two or three Tibetan works for the use of his interpreter, Mr. KELLNER, to make himself fully versed in the Tibetan language.

The Secretary informed the Meeting that the subject of inquiry was referred to Mr. CSOMA DE KOROS, the Librarian of the Society, who reported that all the Tibetan works belonging to the Society were in general on religious subjects, and of which there were several duplicates.

Resolved—That the subject be referred to the Committee of Papers.

*Physical.*

Read a letter from Mr. W. B. TURNER, Chief Engineer on board the "Seaforth" Ceylon Colonial Government Steamer, forwarding a paper on a new mode of making charcoal.

Resolved—That the Paper be referred to the Coal Committee.

Read a letter from Dr. J. T. PEARSON, forwarding a few Geological specimens for transmission to the Museum of the Honorable East India Company.